

STATE OF MONTANA

FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

FUR ANIMAL SEASONS FOR 1969-70

Regulations Adopted By
Montana Fish and Game Commission
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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

TAKING OF FUR ANIMALS DURING THE OPEN SEASON BY ANY MEANS OTHER THAN TRAPPING IS PROHIBITED.

Trapping Licenses: May be obtained through application to the following district offices of the Fish and Game Department by sending in your name, address, Conservation License number and \$10.00 fee.

District 1-----Route #3, Kalispell
District 2-----Highway 93 South, Missoula
District 3-----Route #1, Box 151-A, Bozeman
District 4-----Route #1 Southwest, Great Falls
District 5-----1125 Lake Elmo Drive, Billings
District 6-----Route #1, Glasgow
District 7-----Box 430, Miles City

General Trapper's License: Available to residents only, \$10.00 fee.

Landowner's Trapping License: Applicants must give legal description of land, owned or leased, \$1.00 fee.

TRAPPERS MUST OBTAIN PERMISSION OF LANDOWNER BEFORE TRAPPING ON PRIVATELY-OWNED LAND.

TAGGING TRAPS: Any person trapping fur-bearing animals or predatory animals for their pelts shall fasten a metal tag to all such traps bearing in legible English, the name and address of the trapper, except that no tag shall be required on traps used by landowners trapping with permit on their own lands, and irrigation ditch right-of-way contiguous to the land.

MARTEN SHIPPING PERMIT: Any person who desires to ship, take or transport marten out-of-state in any manner, may obtain a free marten shipping permit from any district office or state game warden.

POSSESSION OF LIVE FUR-BEARING ANIMALS: Live fur-bearing animals may not be possessed except under the provisions of fur farm or roadside zoo permits.

FUR DEALER'S LICENSE: Resident Fur Dealer-----\$10.00
Fur Dealer Agent-----\$10.00
Nonresident Fur Dealer-----\$50.00

FUR DEALER DEFINED: Any person or persons, firm, company or corporation engaging in, carrying on, or conducting wholly or in part the business of buying or selling, trading, or dealing, within the State of Montana, in the skins or pelts of any animal or animals, designated by the laws of Montana as fur-bearing or predatory animals, shall be deemed a fur dealer within the meaning of the Act. If such fur dealer resides in or if his or its principal place of business is within the State of Montana, he or it shall be deemed a resident fur dealer. All other fur dealers shall be deemed nonresident fur dealers.

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DESTROYING BEAVER AND MUSKRAT HOUSES: It is unlawful for any person to willfully destroy, open or leave open, or partially destroy a house of muskrat or beaver, except that this shall not prohibit trapping in the house of muskrats when authorized by the Commission.

CLOSED TO TRAPPING: All National Parks, all National Wildlife Refuges and all Indian allotted or tribal lands except as otherwise specified. Permits to trap on National Wildlife Refuges may be issued by the Refuge Manager. For trapping privileges on other than Blackfeet, Cheyenne and Flathead Indian Reservations, see local agency in question.

ALL STATE GAME PRESERVES ARE OPEN TO TRAPPING

PLEASE NOTE: A number of fur-bearing animals have been ear tagged for scientific study. If one of these animals is captured, please notify the nearest game warden or district office of the tag number or numbers and the locality of the capture.

FUR ANIMAL SEASONS

MINK: Open Season: November 1, 1969 through December 31, 1969, inclusive.

MUSKRAT: Open Season: November 1, 1969 through April 30, 1970, inclusive.

Trapping in muskrat houses: Traps may be set in muskrat houses provided the part removed is replaced after insertion of the trap, this also to be done after removal of the trap. It is unlawful for any person at any time to willfully destroy, leave open, or partially destroy any muskrat house.

MARTEN: Open Season: November 1, 1969 through February 28, 1970, inclusive. Marten pelts must be tagged by the game warden residing in the district where pelts were taken no later than twenty (20) days after closing of the open season.

OTTER: Open Season: November 1, 1969 through April 30, 1970, inclusive. Limit: Trappers may take and possess only one (1) otter each per season.

CANADA LYNX: Open Season: September 1, 1969 through August 31, 1970, inclusive. No license required to take lynx.

FISHER: Closed.

BLACK-FOOTED FERRET: Closed.

GENERAL BEAVER SEASON REGULATIONS: Note: Owners and lessees of real estate being damaged by beaver may apply for a permit to trap beaver under other provisions of the law. Please see your local game warden for further information.

Open Season: November 1, 1969 through April 30, 1970, inclusive.

Permits: Only persons 12 years or older and in possession of 1969-70 General Trapper's License may participate in a General Beaver Season.

Limits: West of Continental Divide: 20 beaver per trapper. Trappers applying for the beaver area west of the Continental Divide must have their trapper's license validated at one of the district headquarters.

East of Continental Divide: Unlimited.

CLOSED TO BEAVER TRAPPING: Jefferson County: Those portions of the Little Boulder River and Galena Gulch on public land and Upper Lump Gulch Creek above Park Lake.

Broadwater County: Those portions of the following streams which are on public land: Dry Creek, Confederate Gulch, White Gulch and Avalanche Creek. Treasure and Rosebud

Counties: The Yellowstone River from the new Meyers Bridge downstream to the Highway 12 Bridge at Forsyth.

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